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Bristol Bay peer review followup communications plan 2-4-13.docx

Bob,

Below are the edits we've made to the desk statement and web language. Please review and let us know if you have any edits or concerns before we elevate.

Bo

Draft Desk Statement

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has asked the 12 independent and expert peer reviewers of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment to evaluate updates the agency has made to the Assessment. EPA's goal is to determine if the updates reflect the peer reviewers' feedback, which EPA received in fall of 2012. EPA intends to make these updates open to a period of public comment, and will carefully review public input and peer review feedback before publishing a final assessment.

Draft Web Language/Listsrv

During 2011 and 2012, EPA conducted a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed to understand how large-scale mining could potentially affect water quality and salmon ecosystems in the Kvichak and Nushagak river systems - home to one of the largest salmon populations in the world and an area with significant mineral resources.

After EPA's draft Bristol Bay Assessment was released in May 2012, we received over 230,000 public comments and conducted a rigorous external peer review. EPA is using the comments and suggestions from the public and the 12 peer reviewers to update the assessment.

EPA has asked the 12 original Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment peer reviewers to evaluate the revisions the agency has made to the draft Bristol Bay Assessment. EPA's goal is to determine if these revisions reflect the peer reviewers' feedback, which EPA received in fall of 2012. This peer follow-up will be conducted in spring 2013.

As part of EPA's continued commitment to public involvement since launching the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment, the agency intends to hold public meetings and a public comment period to coincide with the spring release of the revised assessment. EPA's primary objective is to make sure the agency is using the best available science. EPA intends to finalize the assessment after carefully considering the scientific peer review and public comment.

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Hi everyone,

I spoke with Bo, Sheila, Rick and Marianne this morning. I exchanged a couple of brief emails with Dennis as well. I believe I've captured everyone's input here. It sounds like there will be some additional decision-making at the 2pm meeting this afternoon.

Key Issues:

Bob, Arvin, Bill, Michelle, Rick are slated to do some stakeholder outreach today. Check the chart below. I believe this outreach is expected to occur this afternoon/evening, so if you see your name below and have any questions/concerns or are unable to do the outreach, please let me know ASAP.

We still need the final OK on the editorial board--Dennis would like to talk to Frank tomorrow for a half hour before his speech. Bo, can you please let me know ASAP if that's a go so I can schedule it?

I've updated all text in the comms plan to reflect the latest public engagement plans. Please take a look to make sure the language in the desk statement and listserv accurately reflect EPA's plans.

I need make sure what I have is the final draft of Dennis' speech (what I have is from 2/2 at 12pm). We intend to advance and embargo the excerpt in this plan to the AP along with the desk statement tomorrow morning.

We need some As to the Qs and As that are highlighted about public process. Dennis suggested these Qs and As would be useful in meeting with stakeholders.

Bo, I tried to incorporate your changes to the listserv and desk statement. I think it's important to give a little more context in the listserv than what you suggested because we have not reached out to the listserv in a long while.

Please review the attached plan and let me know if you have any thoughts.

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External Communications Schedule

NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE IN PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME

| DATE/TIME  | ACTION                                                                          | WHO                       | DONE?              |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Feb. 4, pm | Notify Larry Hartig, Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation                 |                           | Michelle, Rick (?) |
| Feb. 4, pm | Notify Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner at Alaska Department of Natural Resources |                           |                    |
|            |                                                                                 | Michelle, Rick (?)        |                    |
| Feb. 4, pm | Notify members of Congress                                                      |                           |                    |
| ·          | Sen. Murkowski                                                                  |                           |                    |
| ·          | Sen. Begich                                                                     |                           |                    |
| ·          | Congressman Don Young                                                           |                           |                    |
| ·          | Sen. Maria Cantwell                                                             | Arvin (DC), Bill (AK, WA) |                    |
| Feb. 4, pm | Notify Pebble Partnership (John Shively)                                        |                           | Bob or Rick        |

Feb. 4, pm          Notify Trout Unlimited (Shoren Brown, Wayne Natri)

NOTE: Let TU know that Dennis is speaking with Nunamta Aulukestai early Tuesday morning          Bill, Bob

Feb. 4/5?          Notify additional stakeholders

- Nuna Resources
- Specific tribes?

Feb. 5, am          Notify Nunamta Aulukestai, BBNC, BBNA in 8am morning meeting          Dennis

Feb. 5, am          Advance desk statement and excerpt of Dennis' speech to AP reporter Becky Bohrer, embargo until Tuesday 11am AKST          Hanady

Feb. 5, 9am          EPA session at AFE on Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment          Dennis, Rick

Feb. 5, 12pm          Send listserv, update website          Judy, Charles, Hanady

Feb. 5?          Phone call for half hour with Frank Gerjevic at ADN editorial board          Dennis

Feb. 5, 4:30pm          Dennis gives keynote speech at AFE          Dennis